

Extract from EGBA-78206, 5 November 1964 (filed in [] , Alois MIKESTIK):

SUBJECT: Information Pertaining to Alois MIKESTIK - Cultural Attaché at the Czech Military Mission in West Berlin.

MIKESTIK's Contacts:

t. HOFFMANN, Dr. (fmu), apparently a journalist. On 23 September 1964 HOFFMANN contacted Subject to advise that he had just returned from the Brno Fair which he had found most interesting. MIKESTIK remarked that he had read HOFFMANN's book and would like to discuss it with him. HOFFMANN further advised that he would be working for the magazine Welt Handel Informationen the following week. (Field Comment: HOFFMANN is possibly identical with Dr. Emil Fridolin HOFFMANN [] born 10 October 1911 at Uinglinghausen, an author who was suspected of east-west trading activities and MTS contact in August 1960 and who was of interest to SMOOT and ICU Berlin offices in April 1960. He was in contact with former CPM Second Secretary Adolf MUELLER []) and former QM Press Attaché Dr. František JAKOVEC [] from December 1960 until at least June 1961 during which time HOFFMANN was writing a book on the general market situation in the Bloc countries. MUELLER supplied him with statistical reports on production in the CSSR, and edited the book's chapter on the CSSR. HOFFMANN travelled to Prague circa May 1960 in order to meet former CPM Third Secretary Václav KVASNICKA []. In May 1960 he also was acquainted with one (fmu) VOJTHUBA of the Czech Trade Mission in Frankfurt. On 18 October 1964 Dr.-Ing. Emil HOFFMANN of Berlin-Zehlendorf, Forststrasse 14, Foreign Trade Advisor to economic publications, advised Director (fmu) PISANTK of ARTIA in Prague that he would visit him between 25-30 October 1964.)

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